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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Warren Zittlau. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 05 June 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,8 and 14.

Identification of prior art discussed: St Goar et al, Do Brava et al.

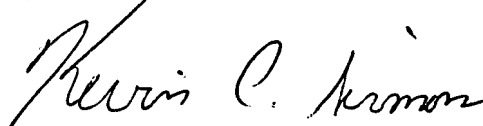
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The language of claims 1 and 14 were discussed to overcome the prior art of St. Goar et al and Do Brava et al. These references do not appear to teach the passages being completely surrounded by the dilation unit. It was indicated to Mr. Zitlau that a newly discovered reference (Boussignac et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,000,734) was found that shows passages through a dilation unit. This reference will be looked at further to see if the pending claims can be rejected over this prior art. Amendments to the claims to define the sluice mechanism in terms of the elastic material of the dilation unit was also discussed .